

*Mrs. George K. Brown
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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

TOWN and TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Strafford, Vermont



January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953

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WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING

(As Anticipated January 15, 1954)

The legal voters of the Town of Strafford are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town House in Strafford on Tuesday, the 2nd day of March, 1954, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. to act on the following articles:

- Art. 1. To elect a moderator.
- Art. 2. To elect a Town Clerk.
- Art. 3. To hear and act on the report of the Auditors.
- Art. 4. To vote upon the question: Shall the Selectmen be empowered to appoint one or two Road Commissioners, or shall one or two Road Commissioners be elected by ballot.
- Art. 5. To elect all other necessary officers.
- Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of the Vermont Statutes relating to the collection of taxes by its Treasurer, together with the time of payment of the same, and the rate of discount and fee for collection allowed.
- Art. 7. To see how much money the Town will raise to support the poor, defray ordinary expenses and bridge and highway expenses, under the direction of the Selectmen.
- Art. 8. To see how much money the Town will raise for the maintenance of back roads or unselected roads.
- Art. 9. To see how much money the Town will raise for selected highways.
- Art. 10. To see how much money the Town will raise for patrol and resurfacing to take advantage of the State Aid laws.
- Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money during the year when necessary to properly conduct the business of the Town.
- Art. 12. To vote on the following questions:
 - Shall licenses for sale of malt and vinous beverages be granted in this Town?
 - Shall spirituous liquors be sold in this Town?
- Art. 13. To see if the freemen will vote to accept or reject the proposed articles of amendment to the Constitution of Vermont.

WARNING — (*Continued*)

- Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Auditors of the Town to employ the services of an accountant from the office of the State Auditor, as provided for in Sections 3603, 3604, and 3608 of the Vermont Statutes, to conduct an audit of the accounts of the Town.
- Art. 15. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the support of The Strafford Firemen's Association, Inc., and if so, how much.
- Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$200.00 to be used in cooperation with the State and Federal funds for the control of White Pine Blister Rust.
- Art. 17. To transact any other legal business.

GEORGE K. BROWN,
RICHARD K. PRESCOTT,
FRANK T. COBURN,
Selectmen.

WARNING FOR TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

(As Anticipated January 15, 1954)

The legal voters of the Strafford Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town House in Strafford on Tuesday, the 2nd day of March, 1954, at 1:00 o'clock P. M. to transact the following business:

- Art. 1. To elect one School Director for three years.
- Art. 2. To see how much money the Town School District will vote to defray the expenses of the schools.
- Art. 3. To see if the Town School District will vote to authorize its School Directors to borrow money during the year when necessary to properly conduct the business of the District.
- Art. 4. To transact any other legal business.

MILO L. SLEEPER,
ROSA B. TYSON,
RALPH R. STEVENS,
School Directors.

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator George I. Varney
Clerk and Treasurer L. Irene Chandler
Selectmen,
 George K. Brown, Richard K. Prescott, Frank T. Coburn
Road Commissioner James L. Hayes
Permanent Highway Commissioner Richard K. Prescott
Overseer Selectmen
Town Grand Juror F. L. Lewis
Constable S. Walker Eastburn
Listers:
 Frank H. Brown, Ralph R. Stevens, Kendall E. Jordan
School Directors:
 Milo L. Sleeper, Rosa B. Tyson, Ralph R. Stevens
Auditors:
 Robert H. Ordway, Alfred J. Hall, C. William Berghorn*
Trustees of Public Funds,
 William B. Mobus, C. William Berghorn, Rosa B. Tyson
Agent to Deed Town Real Estate Frank Brown
Town Agent Delwin I. Preston

Appointive Officers

Pound Keeper R. K. Prescott
Fence Viewers,
 George K. Brown, Kendall E. Jordan, Delwin I. Preston
Surveyors of Wood and Lumber,
 Ralph H. Perkins, William B. Mobus
Fire Warden (appointed by State) Richard W. Root
Fire Chief (appointed by Firemen's Association),
 W. B. Mobus

* By appointment, Dec. 22, 1953, to succeed James W. Stevenson, resigned.

AUDITORS' REPORT

In accordance with Section 3593 V. S. as amended, we have verified the existence of stated cash balances, and examined the accounts and records of town officers, and to the best of our knowledge the following financial statements and reports of receipts and disbursements present the financial position of the town as of December 31, 1953, and an accurate record of funds handled in the year then ended.

ROBERT H. ORDWAY,
ALFRED J. HALL,
C. WILLIAM BERGHORN,
Auditors.

Report of the Town of Strafford, Vt.

COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Two-Year Period Ending December 31, 1953

Assets

	Dec. 31, '53	Dec. 31, '52
Unexpended Balances:		
General Account	\$ 3,708.57	\$ 1,625.48
Equipment Account	1,321.58	
Town Highway Account	126.93	
Permanent Highway Account	174.99	403.62
Community Building Account	92.94	78.94
Library Account	13.65	10.40
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	\$ 5,438.66	\$ 2,118.44
Delinquent Taxes	2,589.00	2,624.42
Due from State — Received after audit		12,078.60
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	\$ 8,027.66	\$ 16,821.46

Liabilities

Interest Bearing Orders Outstand- ing	\$16,700.00	\$25,200.00
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	\$ 18,430.09	\$ 25,289.34
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Deficit	\$ 8,778.93	\$ 8,467.88
Increase in Deficit		\$ 311.05

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED — 1953

Taxes Levied:

Real Estate — \$423,560.00 at 1%	\$ 4,235.60
Personal Property — \$66,204.00 at 1%	662.04
Total General Property	<u>\$ 4,897.64</u>
Poll Taxes — 328 at \$1.00	328.00
Grand List	<u>\$ 5,225.64</u>

Taxes Billed:

General Property — \$4,897.64 at \$7.15	\$35,018.12
Polls — 328 at \$7.15	2,345.20
Old Age Assistance — 328 at \$3.00	984.00
	<u>\$ 38,347.32</u>

Accounted for as Follows:

Collections:		
General Property	\$32,736.54	
Polls and Old Age Assistance (292)	2,884.12	
	<u> </u>	\$35,620.66
Discounts:		
General Property	\$ 1,264.02	
Polls (292)	84.68	
	<u> </u>	1,348.70
Delinquents:		
General Property	\$ 1,017.56	
Polls (36)	360.40	
(One of above polls partially paid)	<u> </u>	1,377.96
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TAXES VOTED AND DISTRIBUTION OF COLLECTIONS

Account	Rate	Voted
General:		
Town	\$ 2.15	\$11,235.13
Firemen's Association, Inc.	.10	522.56
Highway:		
Town Highway	.45	2,351.54
Permanent Highway	.45	2,351.54
School:	4.00	20,902.56
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	\$ 7.15	\$37,363.33
Old Age Assistance, 328	3.00	984.00
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NOTE — 1c additional due to fractional difference		\$ 38,347.33

PROPERTY OWNED BY TOWN

List Furnished by Selectmen and Not Included in Assets

Sawyer Forest	\$ 500.00
Community Building	1,500.00
James S. Morrill Fund (Income for use for Permanent Highway purposes)	3,300.00
Town Garage	400.00
James S. Morrill Fund for Community Building, U. S. 2½% Series G War Savings Bonds	1,100.00
Road Machine	100.00
Three Snow Plows	500.00
Chevrolet Truck	750.00
Chevrolet Truck — panel body	400.00
Dodge Roller	200.00
Tractor and Plow	3,000.00
Grader	5,000.00
New Sander	300.00

TOWN ENDOWMENTS

Selectmen, Trustees

James S. Morrill Fund (Income to be used for Permanent Highway purposes) invested in U. S. Government Bonds	\$ 3,300.00
James S. Morrill Fund (Income to be used for Community Building) invested in U. S. Government Bonds	1,100.00
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	\$ 4,400.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Unexpended Balances, Dec. 31, 1952

General Account	\$ 1,625.48	
Permanent Highway Account	403.62	
Library Account	10.40	
Community Building Account	78.94	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,118.44

Taxes:

Current	\$14,718.10	
Delinquent and Abated	1,316.82	
	<hr/>	16,034.92

State of Vermont:

State Aid to Roads	\$28,003.27	
Winter Maintenance	1,944.14	
Department of Social Welfare	628.00	
Porcupine Bounties	83.00	
	<hr/>	30,658.41

Loans:

Barrett Memorial Hall Trustees	\$ 8,500.00	
First National Bank of White River Junction	8,000.00	
Morrill Memorial Library Trustees	4,200.00	
Newton Fund Trustees	4,000.00	
	<hr/>	24,700.00

Equipment Account:

Orders	\$ 2,284.04	
Private Use	407.90	
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Permanent Highway Account	229.50
A. J. Hall, new road to Ruml Place	300.00
Town Clerk, Dog Licenses	252.50
Interest on Morrill Bonds	110.00
Second Class License Fees	75.00
Refunds on Local Welfare	60.00
Proceeds of Picknell Estate	46.26
Materials	42.00
Scale Fees	7.45

\$ 77,326.42

Disbursements

Selectmen's Account	\$40,734.03	
Poor Account	5,149.04	
Back Road Account	7,250.24	
Winter Road Account	3,170.60	
State Aid and Gas Tax Road Account	6,319.03	
Hall Road Account	281.70	
Road Equipment Account	1,370.36	
Town Highway Account	2,224.61	
Permanent Highway Account	5,191.40	
Library Account	196.75	
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		\$71,887.76
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		5,438.66
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TOWN INTEREST BEARING ORDERS OUTSTANDING, JANUARY 1, 1954

Jan. 1, 1953:		
M4 Newton Fund Trustees	\$ 4,000.00	
M5 Morrill Memorial Library Trustees	4,200.00	
M6 Barrett Memorial Hall Trustees	8,500.00	
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		\$ 16,700.00

TOWN AGENT'S REPORT

I respectfully report there is no litigation pending for or against the town of Strafford as of Dec. 31, 1953.

DELWIN I. PRESTON, Town Agent.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT

Analysis of Expenditures

Bridge Repair:

Plank	\$ 538.44	
Rails	3.38	
Labor	81.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 623.07

Fire Protection:

10c on Grand List to Strafford Firemen's Association	522.56
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Forest Fire Protection:

Men Fighting Fire	189.00
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Indebtedness Payments:

Barrett Memorial Hall Trustees	\$12,000.00	
First National Bank of White River Junction	13,000.00	
Morrill Memorial Library Trustees	4,200.00	
Newton Fund Trustees	4,000.00	
	<hr/>	33,200.00

Insurance:

Community Building	\$ 37.44	
Grader Liability	91.00	
Town Hall	74.00	
Trucks	94.29	
	<hr/>	296.73

Interest Payments:

Barrett Memorial Hall Trustees	\$ 260.83	
First National Bank of White River Junction	78.82	
Morrill Memorial Library Trustees	126.00	
Newton Fund Trustees	120.00	
	<hr/>	585.65

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT — (Continued)

Miscellaneous:

Burning Dump	\$ 137.50	
Equipment Account	225.04	
Inspection, Town Forest	10.12	
Legal Counsel	10.00	
Morrill Memorial Library	50.00	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	189.40	
Office Supplies	63.58	
Porcupine Bounties	83.00	
Rent of Creamery Building	171.60	
Social Security	60.67	
Tax Abatements	27.43	
Truck Registration	20.00	
	<hr/>	1,048.34

Municipal Buildings:

Clock Care	\$ 25.00	
Community Building	13.50	
Mowing Common	28.00	
Repairs to Sidewalk	100.00	
Repairs to Town Hall	91.50	
	<hr/>	258.00

Printing:

Binders	\$ 1.75	
Binding General Index	21.82	
Delinquent Receipts	3.00	
Disease Signs	8.64	
Tax Notices and Receipts	25.87	
Town Reports	248.26	
Treasurer's Cash Book	94.77	
	<hr/>	404.11

Scales:

Lumber	\$ 28.35	
Labor	31.42	
	<hr/>	59.77

Taxes:

County Treasurer	\$ 154.44	
State Treasurer, Old Age As-		
sistance	885.60	
Vermont Agricultural Exten-		
sion Service	210.73	
	<hr/>	1,250.77

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT — (Continued)

Telephone and Electricity:

Central Vermont Public Service Corp.	\$ 755.96	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	75.61	
		831.57

Town Officers' Services:

Auditors	\$ 83.50	
Clerk and Treasurer	907.96	
Constable	22.00	
Health Officer	51.00	
Listers	250.00	
Selectmen	150.00	
		1,464.46
		\$ 40,734.03

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT

List of Payees and Amounts

Auditors	\$ 83.50
Barrett Memorial Hall Trustees	12,260.83
Ben Franklin Store	1.75
Bolton, Robert	8.00
Brooks, W. I.	100.00
Capital City Press	116.59
Central Vermont Public Service Corp.	755.96
Coburn, Philip	29.00
Constable	22.00
Constable, Abatement of Taxes	27.43
County Treasurer	154.44
Davidson, Donald B.	18.69
Equipment Account	225.04
Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Insurance Co.	75.60
First National Bank of White River Junction	13,078.82
Gibson, John W.	28.35
Goodwin, Ernest	53.00
Health Officer	51.00
Heath & Boucher	91.50
Hunters	83.00

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT — (*Continued*)

Kendall, Dean	26.00
Kendall, Gile	458.64
Kendall, H. H.	137.50
Ladies' Benevolent Circle	13.50
Linton, James	31.42
Listers	250.00
Little, Richard	14.00
Maclay, Gordon	26.00
Morrill Memorial Library	50.00
Morrill Memorial Library Trustees	4,326.00
Motor Vehicle Department	20.00
New England Forestry Foundation	10.12
New England Metal Culvert Co.	189.40
New England Telephone and Telegraph Co.	75.61
Newton Fund Trustees	4,120.00
Pixley, Edward	28.00
Prescott, R. K.	161.05
Reynolds, Don	3.50
Reynolds, Ralph	3.50
Rhodes, Norman, Jr.	10.00
Right Printing Company	256.90
Selectmen	150.00
Sisco, B. N., Admr.	3.00
Sleeper, Milo L.	25.00
Sleeper, Milo L., Agt.	202.44
State Treasurer	946.27
Strafford Firemen's Association, Inc.	522.56
Thurber, E. W.	25.87
Town Clerk and Treasurer	907.96
Town Clerk and Treasurer, Supplies	63.58
Vermont Agricultural Extension Service	210.73
Vermont Copper Company	3.38
Whiting Milk Company	171.60
Wilson & Keyser	10.00
Wright, Fred	16.00

\$ 40,734.03

POOR ACCOUNT

Analysis of Expenditures

Burial Expense:

Eastburn, S. Walker	\$ 7.50	
Godfrey, William W.	143.00	
		\$ 150.50

Clothing:

Hayward, Mrs. Jennie	26.50	
Department of Social Welfare		1,372.41

Fuel and Light:

Gould's Oil Service		132.35
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Hospital and Surgical:

Barre City Hospital	\$ 229.11	
Gifford Memorial Hospital	447.60	
Hitchcock Memorial Hospital	775.00	
		1,451.71

Medical and Dental:

Corner Drug, Inc.	\$ 2.34	
Cusson, Dr. Charles J.	164.50	
Dwinell, Dr. F. P.	5.00	
Hall's Drug Store	4.73	
Hitchcock Clinic	72.00	
Jennings, Dr. F. B.	75.00	
Lyme Medical Associates	26.00	
Perry, Dr. G. M.	10.00	
Rutland Hospital, Inc.	1.00	
		360.57

Rent:

Hosmer, Ralph	\$ 65.00	
Pixley, Russell	55.00	
		120.00

Room and Board:

Cameron, Mrs. William	\$ 618.00	
Hayward, Mrs. Jennie	552.00	
Lambert, Ella	20.00	
Simonds, Alice	345.00	
		1,535.00
		\$ 5,149.04

BACK ROADS ACCOUNT

Analysis of Expenditures — 1953

Labor:

Brown, Frankie, 36 hrs.	\$	36.00	
Brown, Frankie, Jr., 36 hrs.		36.00	
Clogston, Vernon, 9 hrs.		9.00	
Coburn, Frank, 349 hrs.		436.25	
Druge, F. C., 16 hrs.		16.00	
Durkee, Clifford, 40 hrs.		40.00	
Eastburn, Walker, 36 hrs.		36.00	
Hayes, James, 350½ hrs.		438.13	
Hanchett, Ralph, 18 hrs.		18.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,065.38

Hauling Gravel:

Avery, Duane	\$	311.00	
Barnaby, F.		393.00	
Barnaby, R.		139.40	
Brooks, Wilmer		497.60	
Coburn, C.		50.40	
Kendall, Gile		349.40	
Kennedy, M.		320.80	
Orr, D.		653.90	
Prescott, Richard		285.60	
Ricker, R.		217.60	
Russell, P.		113.00	
Watts, A.		88.40	
Whitney, W.		350.20	
		<hr/>	\$ 3,770.30

Culverts — New England Culvert Co.	395.85
Gravel — Clogston, John	85.61
Gravel — Brooks, Wilmer	275.10
Shovel — loading gravel — Brooks, Wilmer	702.00
Transferred to Road Equipment Account — use of Equipment	956.00
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	\$ 7,250.24

WINTER ROAD ACCOUNT

Analysis of Expenditures — 1953

Plowing, Sanding, Hauling, Maintenance:

Labor:

Brooks, Wilmer — trucking	\$	142.56	
Brooks, Wilmer — shovel		66.00	
Coburn, Carroll, and truck		150.36	
Coburn, Frank, 24 hrs.		30.00	
Hayes, James, 539 hrs.		677.25	
Kendall, Gile, and truck		38.05	
Prescott, Richard, and truck		507.23	
Rowell, John — moving tractor		37.50	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,648.89

Repairs, Parts, Labor:

Hill - Martin Corp. — repairs	\$	92.83	
Prescott, Richard — repairs		228.85	
Vermont Copper Company — repairs		10.50	
Casellini - Venable Corp. — blade		16.50	
		<hr/>	348.68

Gas, Oil, Grease, Supplies:

Hartford Oil Company — fuel	27.23	
Brighton Steel Co., Inc. — 500 ft. snow fence	98.70	
Prescott, Richard—gas and oil	165.10	
Calamint Sand and Gravel — 260 yds. sand	195.00	
Brooks, Wilmer — 290 yds. sand	29.00	
	<hr/>	515.03

Salt:

International Salt Company	\$	618.00	
Prescott, Richard — trucking		40.00	
		<hr/>	658.00
			<hr/>
			\$ 3,170.60

STATE AID AND GAS TAX ROAD WORK

Analysis of Expenditures

Labor:

Coburn, Frank, 344 hrs.	\$ 430.00	
Clogston, Vernon, 9 hrs.	9.00	
Druge, F. C., 80 hrs.	80.00	
Dyer, James — drilling, 82 hrs.	123.00	
Eastburn, Walker, 79 hrs.	79.00	
Gomo, Elmer, and chain saw, 18 hrs.	45.00	
Gomo, Elmer, 9 hrs.	9.00	
Hayes, James, 342 hrs.	427.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,202.50

Hauling Gravel:

Avery, Duane	\$ 227.80	
Barnaby, Richard	231.20	
Barnaby, Forrest	272.00	
Brooks, Wilmer	185.60	
Kendall, Gile	231.20	
Kennedy, Maurice	231.20	
Orr, Don	248.00	
Prescott, Richard	193.80	
Ricker, Ralph	227.80	
Russell, Paul	72.00	
Watts, Albert	224.40	
Whitney, W.	234.60	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,579.60

Culverts — New England Metal Culvert Co.	710.14
Compressor — Manning & Son	75.00
Supplies — Vermont Copper Company	130.29
Shovel — Wilmer Brooks	442.00
Gravel — Wilmer Brooks	277.50
Transferred to Road Equipment Account for Use of Equipment	902.00
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	\$ 6,319.03

HALL ROAD — SPECIAL ACCOUNT

Receipts:

Hall, Alfred J.	\$	300.00
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Disbursements:

Labor:

Coburn, Frank, 47 hrs.	\$	58.75
Gomo, Elmer, and chain saw, 9 hrs.		22.50
Hayes, James, 39 hrs.		48.75

Hauling Gravel:

Avery, Duane		4.00
Brooks, Wilmer		7.40
Barnaby, Forrest		4.00
Kennedy, Maurice		4.00
Orr, Don		8.00
Prescott, Richard		3.40
Whitney, W.		3.40

Brooks, Wilmer — gravel and loading		10.70
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Vermont Copper Co. — blasting supplies		12.90
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Eaton, Eaton & Co. — compressor		12.90
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Transferred to Road Equipment Account for Use of Equipment		81.00
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Transferred to General Account		18.30
	\$	300.00

ROAD EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT — 1953

Receipts:

From General Account	\$	225.04
Transferred from State Aid Road Account		902.00
Transferred from Back Road Account		956.00
Transferred from Hall Road Account		81.00
Vermont Copper Company		131.75

ROAD EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT — 1953 — (Continued)

Doyle, Martin	17.50
Brooks, Wilmer	150.00
Hall, A. J.	28.00
Josler, M. Clara	15.00
May, Fred H.	24.50
Preston, Donovan	3.50
Rhodes, Norman	12.00
Turner, Ernest	28.00
Tyson, Rosa B.	70.00
Udall, Avis	2.65
Ward, Thomas	45.00
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	\$ 2,691.94

Disbursements:

Labor:

Coburn, Frank	\$ 11.25
Hayes, James	82.50

Gas, Oil, Supplies:

Prescott, Richard	84.35
Root, Richard	61.73
Varney, George	16.08
Hartford Oil Company — fuel	117.21

Repairs:

Linton, James	1.75
Casellini -Venable Corp.	121.12
Hill - Martin Corp.	49.12

Equipment:

Casellini - Venable Corp. — sand spreader	315.00
Prescott, Richard — Chevrolet truck	400.00

Miscellaneous Expense:

Rowell, John — moving equip- ment	100.00
Motor Vehicle Department — truck registration	10.00
First National Bank — service charge	.25
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	\$ 1,370.36

Balance	<hr/>	\$ 1,321.58
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TOWN HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

James L. Hayes, Commissioner

Receipts:

Taxpayers, 45c on Grand List \$ 2,351.54

Disbursements:

Labor:

Avery, Duane	\$ 35.00	
Benjamin, George	6.00	
Coburn, C. J.	16.25	
Coburn, Frank	290.00	
Druge, F. C.	21.00	
Eastburn, S. W.	22.00	
Hayes, James L.	936.35	
Hayes, Leon	8.00	
Hoyt, Philip	9.00	
Jewett, Herbert	58.00	
Josler, J. N.	24.00	
Lent, Harlow	22.00	
Manning, Alford	9.00	
Prescott, R. K.	50.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,507.10

Hauling:

Avery, Duane	\$ 82.10	
Hayes, Leon	9.00	
Kendall, Gile	44.20	
Prescott, R. K.	135.40	
	<hr/>	270.70
		30.00

Shovel: R. K. Prescott

Material and Supplies:

Blacktop, Inc., cold patch	\$ 193.14	
Eastman's Garage, gas and oil	4.00	
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., cul-		
verts	86.24	
Prescott, R. K., gas and oil	87.45	
Root, R. W., gas and oil	10.25	
Stillman, John, gravel	22.50	
Varney, George I., supplies	10.83	
Vermont Copper Co., Inc., sup-		
plies	2.40	
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		\$ 2,224.61

Unexpended Balance

\$ 126.93

PERMANENT HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

R. K. Prescott, Commissioner

Analysis of Funds and Expenditures

Receipts:

Unexpended Balance, 1952	\$	403.62
Taxpayers, 45c on Grand List		2,351.54
State of Vermont		2,491.73
U. S. Treasurer, interest, Morrill Bonds		82.50
Individuals, private work		37.00
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	\$	5,366.39

Disbursements:

Labor:

Prescott, R. K.	\$	11.25
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Material:

Colonial Sand & Gravel Co., sand	\$	379.02
Prescott, R. K., culverts		19.50
The Barrett Co., tar		2,252.26
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		2,650.78

Patrol:

State of Vermont		1,180.85
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Retreating:

State of Vermont		790.62
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Transfer of Funds:

State Aid Account		229.50
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Trucking:

Avery, Duane	\$	61.20
Coburn, C. J.		22.40
Kendall, Gile		61.20
Prescott, R. K.		183.60
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		328.40

\$ 5,191.40

Balance

\$ 174.99

1953 LIBRARY ACCOUNT

Selectmen, Trustees

Receipts:

Balance 1952	\$ 10.40	
Appropriation	200.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 210.40

Disbursements:

Doubleday One Dollar Book Club	\$ 12.00	
Demco — supplies	3.65	
Gaylord Brothers, Inc. — supplies	9.48	
Good Housekeeping — 3 years	7.50	
Jean Karr & Co., — books	4.74	
Life — 2 years	7.00	
Librarian — Olive M. Lewis	100.00	
Nathaniel Dame & Co. — books	19.85	
Popular Science Publishing Co.	1.07	
Specialty Book Co. — book	3.17	
Stammers Book Store — books	2.20	
The Literary Guild of America — books	4.00	
The National Survey	4.00	
Thetford Academy — Childlife — 2 years	7.00	
The Personal Book Shop, Inc. — supplies	7.09	
The American Magazine — 2 years	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 196.75
Balance		<hr/> \$ 13.65

COMMUNITY BUILDING ACCOUNT — 1953

Cash on hand	\$ 78.94	
Interest — Morrill Bonds	27.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 106.44
Disbursements:		
Ladies' Benevolent Circle — new shades	13.50	
Balance		<hr/> \$ 92.94

1953 REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Newton Fund

Receipts

Check Book Balance, Dec. 31, 1952		\$	750.22	
Inter-State Trust Co. Balance, Dec. 31, 1952			296.20	
				\$ 1,046.42
Jan.	1	U. S. Treasury	\$	37.50
	1	Scarsdale, N. Y. — interest		45.00
Jun.	1	U. S. Treasury		62.50
Jul.	1	U. S. Treasury		37.50
Aug.	13	Inter-State Trust Co. — interest		2.96
Nov.	13	Scarsdale, N. Y. — interest		45.00
Dec.	1	U. S. Treasury		62.50
	15	Scarsdale, N. Y. — interest		45.00
	31	Town of Strafford — interest on Orders		120.00
				457.96
				\$ 1,504.38

Disbursements

Feb.	13	Town of Strafford, to apply on Newton School	\$	400.00
Aug.	11	First National Bank — Safe Deposit Box rent		4.80
Dec.	26	Robert H. Ordway — care of Newton Lot, one year		10.00
				\$ 414.80
Check Book Balance, Dec. 31, 1953				790.42
Inter-State Trust Co., Bank Book Balance, Dec. 31, 1953				299.16
				\$ 1,504.38

Investments

U. S. Government Bonds, 2½%	\$ 8,000.00
Scarsdale, N. Y., School District Bonds, 4½%, Due 1969	2,000.00
Town of Strafford, 3% Note	4,000.00
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Total Investments	\$ 14,000.00

WILLIAM B. MOBUS,
ROSA B. TYSON,
C. W. BERGHORN,
Trustees.

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

Montpelier, Vermont

This is our eighteenth annual report to the citizens of the Town of Strafford on State payments in your municipality of various types of assistance and welfare during 1953.

The total number of recipients in the State has remained stable for three years but expenditures are larger by reason of increases in payments authorized by the Legislature and increases in cost of services, including rent. Funds for the support of these programs were derived from the Federal and State Governments. The towns and cities participated financially in two of the programs as indicated below. Administrative expenses for the four types of Public Assistance were about 4.4 percent, the lowest in the North Atlantic States and among the lowest in the nation.

Old Age Assistance	\$ 5,242.00
Aid to the Blind .....	.00
Aid to Dependent Children *	553.00
Aid to the Disabled	1,064.00
Committed Children * *	2,861.41
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TOTAL	\$ 9,720.41

W. ARTHUR SIMPSON,

Commissioner.

* One-eighth paid by the town or city unless family is non-settled.

* * One-half paid by the town or city unless family is non-settled.

DELINQUENT TAX LIST, JANUARY 1, 1954

1947			
Manning, Alford	\$	6.70	
Manning, Alice G.		6.70	
		<hr/>	\$ 13.40
1948			
Moses, Gardner N.			59.74
1949			
Manning, Alford	\$	36.23	
Manning, Alice G.		8.80	
Messier, Jesse J.		25.05	
Stender, William G.'s Est.		6.30	
		<hr/>	76.38
1950			
Hosmer, R. E. & M. M.	\$	11.97	
Hoyt, Philip H.		138.54	
Manning, Alford D. & A. G.		48.18	
Moses, Gardner N.		62.86	
Race, W. R. & A. C.		23.49	
		<hr/>	285.04
1951			
Boardman, Herbert N.	\$	6.55	
Dezan, Maurice J.		19.55	
Hosmer, Ralph E. & M. M.		45.55	
Hoyt, P. H., M. C. Colby and E. B. Cummings		126.80	
Kendall, T. R. & Beda M.		33.90	
Miner, Frank		9.05	
Moses, Gardner N.		71.55	
Race, Wendell R. & A. C.		19.55	
		<hr/>	332.50
1952			
Bickford, F. M.	\$	9.75	
Bickford, Henry N.		9.75	
Boardman, Herbert N.		6.75	
Boyce, Henry G.		14.49	
Boyce, Lois J.		9.75	
Dezan, Clara		9.75	
Dezan, Maurice J.		29.90	

DELINQUENT TAX LIST — (Continued)

Donahue, Peter & Delia	96.87
Hosmer, Ralph E. & M. M.	46.90
Hoyt, Philip H.	5.08
Hoyt, P. H., M. C. Colby & E. B. Cummings	130.70
Jamieson, Bessie & G. E.'s Est.	30.20
Johnson, Grace M.	9.75
Kendall, Theodore R. & B. M.	47.24
Manning, Alford D. & A. G.	26.85
Manning, Arvin C. & E. J.	100.55
Moses, Gardner N.	48.63
Pickett, William	17.58
Race, Ada C.	9.75
Race, Wendell R.	9.75
Race, W. R. & A. C.	26.85
Waite, Warren C.	9.75

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1953

Adolph, Charles & Carrie	\$ 28.65
Barker, H. A. & M. E.'s Est.	1.24
Boardman, Herbert N.	7.20
Braley, Carl	10.20
Dezan, Clara	10.20
Dezan, Maurice J.	31.70
Donahue, Peter & Delia	96.93
Eaton, Rebecca E.	5.57
Foley, Shirleyann	10.20
Goodell, Ida	10.20
Hook, Clarence W.	17.93
Hosmer, Ralph E. & M. M.	50.05
Hoyt, Philip H.	15.61
Hoyt, P. H. & M. C. Colby	21.50
Hoyt, P. H., M. C. Colby & Earl B. Cummings	139.48
Jamieson, Bessie & G. E.'s Est.	32.23
Jewett, Herbert A.	10.20
Jewett, Ida M.	10.20
Manning, Alford D. & A. G.	38.66
Manning, Arvin C.	10.20
Manning, Arvin C. & E. J.	143.05
Manning, Sherman B.	57.25
Moses, Gardner N.	64.95

DELINQUENT TAX LIST — (Continued)

Moses, Jessie P.	10.20	
Perkins, Carl R.	10.20	
Perkins, Howard	10.20	
Perkins, Marcia	10.20	
Perkins, Marguerite M.	10.20	
Pickett, Eunice	10.20	
Pickett, William	73.53	
Race, Ada C.	10.20	
Race, Wendell R. & A. C.	27.94	
Simcox, William's Est.	14.35	
Smith, Mary Jean	42.95	
Tuller, Wendell F.	10.20	
Waite, Warren C.	10.20	
Webb, Maedene M.	10.20	
Webb, Wendell A.	20.98	
Wright, Fred G.	10.20	
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		1,115.35
Grand Total		<hr/>
		\$ 2,589.00

DOG ACCOUNT

Remember to License Your Dog ON or BEFORE April 1st.

102 dogs at \$2.00	\$ 204.00
10 dogs at 6.00	60.00
6 dogs at 3.00	18.00
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Amount Received	\$ 282.00
118 fees at 25c each	29.50
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Credited to General Account	\$ 252.50

Respectfully submitted,

L. IRENE CHANDLER,

Town Clerk.

VITAL STATISTICS — 1953

Marriages

- Jan. 10 — William D. Quinn, Manchester, Conn., and Dorothy M. Giguere, Hanover, N. H., at Strafford.
April 12 — Roderick J. Maclay, Strafford, and Janet J. Bacon, Lyme, N. H., at Strafford.
June 8 — Norman W. Demo, Strafford, and Pauline A. Champney, Bolton, at Waterbury.
June 14 — Richard N. Thresher, Strafford, and Elizabeth M. Hanchett, Strafford, at Strafford.
Sept. 24 — (a) Duane P. Avery, Strafford, and Doris A. Taylor, Rochester, at Leicester.
Oct. 28 — Earl E. Varney, Strafford, and James A. Bacon, Lyme, N. H., at Strafford.

(a) Reported from Rochester, Vt.

Births

- Feb. 11 — (a) Cynthia Ellen, daughter to Elwin H. and Gertrude E. (Fairbrother) Coburn.
Feb. 18 — (b) Jacqueline Lee, daughter to Arthur F. and Rebecca A. (Emerson) Eaton.
March 28 — (c) Betty Jean, daughter to Ralph W. and Marjorie G. (Pero) Ward.
April 4 — (c) Richard Andrew, son to Richard W. and Cecelia M. (Giguere) Prescott.
April 5 — (c) Stephen, son to Ralph H. and Delia, I. (Moulton) Perkins.
May 8 — (c) Richard Earl, son to Rowland C. and Blanche M. (Templeton) Eastman.
June 9 — (a) Stephen Ford, son to George L. and Joan C. (Conniers) Dawe.
June 11 — (c) Robert Henry, son to Wendell R. and Ada C. (Manning) Race.
June 20 — (c) Gary Jordan, son to William B. and Lillian L. (Jordan) Clifford.
June 30 — (a) James Gregory, Jr., son to James G. and Marguerite S. (Lewis) Condict.
July 15 — (c) Angelina Louise, daughter to Gerald J. and Ruth M. (Gilman) Devine.
July 28 — (c) Alford Charles, son to Arvin C. and Eileen J. (Palmer) Manning.

Sept. 7 — (c) Lana Dale, daughter to Allen D. and Eunice H. (Linton) Livingston.
Oct. 7 — (c) Marlene Ann, daughter to Norman W. and Pauline A. (Champney) Demo.
Oct. 19 — (c) John Fabian, son to Charles A. and Effie M. (Foley) Porter.
Nov. 16 — (c) Raymond Clarence, son to John F. and Lydia M. (Riley) Demo.
Dec. 24 — (a) David James, son to Leon H. and Charlotte A. (Wright) Hayes.

- (a) Reported from Hanover, N. H.
- (b) Reported from Barre, Vt.
- (c) Reported from Lebanon, N. H.

Deaths

Jan. 5 — Clarence F. Picknell, 63 years.
April 17 — Blanche B. Gale, 82 years.
May 11 — (a) Police Druge, 76 years.
May 22 — Leon E. Lane, 68 years.
July 7 — (b) Flora E. Bassingthwaighite, 81 years.

- (a) Reported from Waterbury, Vt.
- (b) Reported from Randolph, Vt.

STRAFFORD FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

Believing every citizen of Strafford to be interested in the doings and welfare of our Volunteer Firemen's Association, and since that organization is partly supported by the ten cents on the Grand List of the Town, it was voted at the December 7th meeting to make the following report to be incorporated in the 1953 Annual Town Report:

Receipts

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 439.90
Dues and Fines	11.00
Sale of Stove	25.00
From School Department, one-half of fuel bill	69.66
Supper, Dances and Entertainments	311.01
Donations	24.50
Town of Strafford, 10c on Grand List	522.56
Total	\$ 1,403.63

Disbursements

Fuel Oil	\$ 166.20
Electricity	36.63
Insurance, 2 years	326.81
Supplies	24.45
Truck Battery, Gas and Oil	44.54
Total	\$ 598.63
Cash on hand	805.00
Total	\$ 1,403.63

We now have on order two new tires and tubes for the truck, and are in the process of purchasing 200 feet of new hose. The total cost of these items will be in the vicinity of \$400.00. More hose is badly needed, but the members have adopted a "pay-as-you-go" plan, so we expect to purchase just so much hose each year as our funds will allow.

Lumber has been delivered at the Fire Station for completing the interior of the building.

We wish to thank the people of Strafford for their loyal support of our fund-raising activities, the Vermont Copper Company, Inc., for their gift of firemen's coats, and all who have made direct cash donations.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED J. HALL, President,
WILLIAM B. MOBUS, Treasurer,
GEORGE E. BASSINGTHWAIGHTE,
Secretary.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Our town has been exceptionally free from communicable diseases during 1953, four cases of mumps and one case of streptococcal sore throat have been reported. In addition, we had a few mild cases of German measles.

The water supply for the schools has been a serious problem. The spring that supplies drinking water for the Newton School failed, and even the brook that supplied water for the toilets went completely dry. Water was then piped from the deep well at Barrett Memorial Hall until late rains revived the supply at the school.

Water samples from Old City and Miller's Pond schools sent to the Laboratory of Hygiene were declared unsafe for drinking and chlorination or boiling was recommended.

Inspection of schools indicates the need of interior paint jobs, and at the Newton School a dangerous condition exists where concrete steps have broken, and should be mended or replaced as soon as possible.

The members of the School Board and the teachers have been very cooperative in reporting health and safety conditions in all schools.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. BASSINGTHWAIGHTE,
Health Officer.

YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

During the year 1953 the Vermont Health Department has made available to the citizens of Strafford the part-time services of a public health nurse, Miss Lois Jenkins, R.N.

The educational program which is offered by the public health nurse, with the approval of the family physician, includes assistance to expectant mothers and new mothers who are having their first babies, or who have special problems with themselves or their babies. Counseling is available, too, for parents whose older children present problems, and to adults. Assistance is also given to the schools with their health programs. Referrals to health and social agencies are made as necessary.

Miss Jenkins' activities in Strafford during 1953 have included the following:

35 visits to infants and pre-school children.

45 visits to school children and to schools.

22 other visits.

Two medical conferences were held for medical examination and immunization of children under school age, and for those in Grades I and III.

Fifty pre-school children and 30 school children were examined by Dr. Dorothy Davies and Dr. W. F. Putnam. These conferences were arranged by the Health Council which has representation from all the local organizations.

Forty-four children were vaccinated against small-pox. Fifty-five children received immunization against diphtheria and tetanus, or diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough.

During the coming year Miss Jenkins will be away on educational leave and Miss JoAnn Girard, R.N., will substitute for her. Miss Girard may be reached by mail at Bethel, or a telephone message may be left at Bethel 4-4441 on Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY M. ALLEN, R.N.,

Public Health Nursing
Supervisor.



Annual Report
of the
School Directors
and
Treasurer
for the
Town School District
of
Strafford, Vermont
1953



TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

TREASURER'S REPORT

L. Irene Chandler, Treasurer

Receipts:

Unexpended Balance, 1952	\$ 6,985.90
Ellis Family Trust Fund	2,000.00
First National Bank, White River Junction	9,000.00
Lease Land Rent	79.22
Montpelier National Bank	4,000.00
Newton Fund	400.00
State Aid	13,806.56
Taxpayers, Property, Personal and Poll	20,902.56
Use of School Bus	15.00
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	\$ 57,189.24

Expenditures:

School Directors' Orders	44,489.44
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Balance	\$ 12,699.80

School 2½% Interest Bearing Orders Outstanding January 1, 1954

Franklin County Savings Bank	\$ 3,000.00
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South Strafford School Building 3% Interest Bearing Orders Outstanding January 1, 1954

1946		
Aug. 16	David Poor Fund	\$ 568.00
	A. L. or M. R. Sargent	710.00
	Universalist Church Society	710.00
	A. J. or G. E. Colby	710.00
	R. E. or A. C. Robinson	710.00
Nov. 1	Grace B. Huntley	710.00
Dec. 16	F. T. or M. B. Coburn	710.00
	G. K. or L. N. Brown	710.00
	R. K. or B. C. Prescott	710.00
	I. O. or G. B. Pixley	852.00
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		\$ 7,100.00

SCHOOL FUND

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES — 1953

	Jan. 1, to Jun. 30, '53	July 1 to Dec. 31, '53	Total 1953
1. GENERAL CONTROL			
Superintendent — Salary			
Parker, A. C.	\$ 421.40	\$ 339.82	\$ 761.22
2. INSTRUCTION AND TUITION			
Teachers' Salaries			
Burbank, Eunice	\$	\$ 895.80	\$ 895.80
Camp, Irene	.....	958.35	958.35
Coburn, Patricia	1,166.71	.....	1,166.71
Johnson, Hattie	1,090.32	.....	1,090.32
Lacross, Rachel	1,166.71	958.35	2,125.06
Ricker, Mabel	1,166.71	958.35	2,125.06
Stone, Helen	1,222.20	999.98	2,222.18
Stone, Joyce	1,146.11	958.35	2,104.46
Webster, Jean	42.00	42.00
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	\$ 7,000.76	\$ 5,729.18	\$ 12,729.94
Tuition			
Elementary			
Tunbridge School Dist.	\$ 345.00	\$	\$ 345.00
Secondary			
Hanover, N. H., School Dist.	200.00	112.50	312.50
Hartford School Dist.	200.00	.....	200.00
Randolph School Dist.	66.00	.....	66.00
Royalton School Dist.	800.00	800.00
Stowe School Dist.	200.00	200.00
Thetford Academy	3,866.86	2,325.00	6,191.86
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	\$ 5,677.86	\$ 2,437.50	\$ 8,115.36
Text Books			
Allyn & Bacon Co.	\$	\$ 36.15	\$ 36.15
American Book Co.45	.45
Heath & Co., D. C.	.....	14.10	14.10
Macmillan Co.	18.14	74.34	92.48
Scott, Foresman & Co.	.....	65.56	65.56
Scribner Sons, Charles	14.39	14.39
Silver Burdett Co.63	.63
State of Vermont	25.95	25.95
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	\$ 18.14	\$ 231.57	\$ 249.71

Instructional Supplies	Jan. 1, to Jun. 30, '53	July 1 to Dec. 31, '53	Total 1953
American Book Co.	\$ \$	2.69	\$ 2.69
American Education Publications	.....	12.00	12.00
Beckley - Cardy Co.	.....	23.22	23.22
Bradley Co., Milton	31.00	.....	31.00
California Test Bureau	13.51	9.00	22.51
Capital City Press, Inc.	.....	15.51	15.51
Cascade Paper Co.	.....	112.61	112.61
Civic Education Service, Inc.	13.60	20.00	33.60
Education Supply Co.	.....	5.04	5.04
Fisher, Inc., Carl	.....	.72	.72
Hale & Co., E. M.	.....	15.60	15.60
Hammett & Co., J. L.	44.56	31.64	76.20
Heath & Co., D. C.	.....	20.64	20.64
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	.....	19.39	19.39
Junior Scholastic	.....	11.00	11.00
Lacross, Rachel	.....	9.25	9.25
Macmillan Co.	6.10	78.12	84.22
Modern School Supply Co.	.....	16.90	16.90
Office Supply Center, Inc.	6.08	.....	6.08
Ricker, Mabel	.....	.75	.75
Sanborn & Co., Benjamin H.	7.44	7.44
Scholastic Magazines	11.30	18.00	29.30
Silver Burdett Co.	2.20	92.28	94.48
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	\$ 128.35	\$ 521.80	\$ 650.15

3. OPERATION OF PLANT

Janitors — Wages

Coburn, Mrs. Carroll	\$ \$	11.48	\$ 11.48
Doyle, Bernice	335.13	256.13	591.26
Doyle, J. H.	26.00	12.50	38.50
Kendall, Carolyn	.....	39.00	39.00
Kendall, Mrs. Stanley	.....	17.48	17.48
Lyford, Lawrence	57.00	.....	57.00
Manning, Walter	.....	45.00	45.00
Stevens, Dorothy	60.00	.....	60.00
Stevens, Mrs. Ralph	.....	15.00	15.00

\$ 478.13 \$ 396.59 \$ 874.72

Janitors' Supplies

Tyson, Rosa B.	\$ \$	3.75	\$ 3.75
Varney, George I.	.....	232.41	232.41

\$ \$ 236.16 \$ 236.16

	Jan. 1, to Jun. 30, '53	July 1 to Dec. 31, '53	Total 1953
Fuel			
Cramer & Son, R. H.	\$ 17.93	\$	\$ 17.93
Fairlee Oil Service	65.91	24.17	90.08
Gould's Oil Service	74.02	35.64	109.66
Socony - Vacuum Oil Co.	748.56	181.80	930.36
Strafford Firemen's Assn., Inc.	69.66	69.66
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	\$ 976.08	\$ 241.61	\$ 1,217.69
Light, Power, Water			
Central Vermont Public Service Corp.	\$ 125.50	\$ 66.88	\$ 192.38
Shepard Co., Inc.	76.57	76.57
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	\$ 125.50	\$ 143.45	\$ 268.95
Office Supplies and Miscellaneous			
Express	\$	\$ 5.62	\$ 5.62
Graduation Expense	12.24	12.24
Labor	.....	38.65	38.65
Mowing School Lawn	.....	10.00	10.00
Office Supply Center	.....	11.75	11.75
Root, Richard	.....	3.38	3.38
Use of Prescott Truck	4.00	4.00
U. S. Government Post Office	18.16	18.16
Varney, George I.	16.90	16.90
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	\$ 18.16	\$ 102.54	\$ 120.70
Transportation			
Josler, Jack	\$ 64.00	\$	\$ 64.00
Lent, Harlow	32.00	32.00
Moses, Gardner	48.00	.....	48.00
Perkins, Ralph	495.00	347.00	842.00
Robinson, Anna	16.00	16.00
Stone, Ernest	398.00	272.00	670.00
Webb, Wendell	48.00	48.00
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	\$ 1,101.00	\$ 619.00	\$ 1,720.00
Bus Maintenance			
Gas, Oil, Grease, Repairs, Etc.			
Benjamin, George	\$ 1.50	\$ 67.23	\$ 68.73
Perkins, Ralph	74.60	2.75	77.35
Prescott, R. K.	.....	66.00	66.00
Root, Richard	111.90	95.97	207.87
Stewart Motors	.....	29.34	29.34
Stone, Ernest	.....	24.00	24.00

	Jan. 1, to Jun. 30, '53	July 1 to Dec. 31, '53	Total 1953
Thetford Garage	61.19	29.68	90.87
Varney, George I.	168.97	168.97
Registration	40.00	40.00
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	\$ 289.19	\$ 483.94	\$ 773.13

4. MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Repairs, Labor and Material

Bassingthwaighte, George	\$ 8.15	\$ 18.35	\$ 26.50
Benjamin, George	18.75	22.50	41.25
Campbell, W. F.	10.00	.....	10.00
Doyle, John	6.00	6.50	12.50
Eastburn, S. W.	6.00	5.00	11.00
Gay's Express	1.80	.....	1.80
Harrington, Howard	1.00	.....	1.00
Hot Lunch Committee	23.88	.....	23.88
Krevak, Frank	6.00	.....	6.00
Manning, Alford	5.00	.....	5.00
Perkins, Ralph	6.50	.....	6.50
Root, Richard	.....	53.69	53.69
Shepard Co., Inc.	4.50	5.02	9.52
Sleeper, Milo	41.25	86.42	127.67
Stark's Oil Burner Service	101.45	101.45
Turner, E. W.	46.50	107.85	154.35
Tyson, Rosa B.	3.75	3.75
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	\$ 185.33	\$ 410.53	\$ 595.86

5. FIXED CHARGES

Services

Campbell, W. F.	\$ 5.00	\$	\$ 5.00
Stevens, Ralph	15.00	15.00
Sleeper, Milo	15.00	15.00
Tyson, Rosa B.	15.00	15.00

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	\$ 50.00	\$	\$ 50.00

Insurance

Co-op. Fire Ins. Assn. of Vt.	\$	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00
Farmers Co-op. Fire Ins. Co.	14.00	14.00
Mutual Fire Ins. Co.	.....	136.96	136.96
Patrons & Farmers Fire Ins. Co.	70.00	70.00
Rural Co-op. Fire Ins. Co.	25.00	25.00
Sleeper, Milo	35.13	230.06	265.19

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	\$ 35.13	\$ 484.02	\$ 519.15

	Jan. 1, to Jun. 30, '53	July 1 to Dec. 31, '53	Total 1953
6. CAPITAL OUTLAY			
Hammett Co., J. L., desks	\$ \$	684.65	\$ 684.65
Shepard Co., drinking fountain	60.38	60.38
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	\$ 60.38	\$ 684.65	\$ 745.03

7. DEBT SERVICE

Loan Reduction

Campbell, W. F. or Clara	\$ 40.00	\$ \$	40.00
Coburn, F. T. or M. B.	40.00	.....	40.00
Colby, A. J. or G. E.	40.00	.....	40.00
David Poor Fund	32.00	.....	32.00
First National Bank, W. R. Jct.	.....	9,000.00	9,000.00
Franklin County Sav. Bank	.....	1,000.00	1,000.00
Huntley, Grace B.	40.00	.....	40.00
Kendall, H. H.	40.00	.....	40.00
Montpelier National Bank	.....	4,000.00	4,000.00
Pixley, I. O. or Gladys	48.00	.....	48.00
Robinson, R. C. or A. C.	40.00	40.00
Sargent, A. L. or M. R.	40.00	40.00
Universalist Church Society	40.00	40.00
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	\$ 400.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,400.00

Interest on Loans

Campbell, W. F. or Clara	\$ 22.50	\$ \$	22.50
Coburn, F. T. or M. B.	22.50	22.50
Colby, A. J. or G. E.	22.50	.....	22.50
David Poor Fund	18.00	.....	18.00
First National Bank, W. R. Jct.	36.67	50.00	86.67
Franklin County Sav. Bank	50.00	50.00	100.00
Huntley, Grace B.	22.50	.....	22.50
Kendall, H. H.	22.50	.....	22.50
Montpelier National Bank	50.00	.....	50.00
Pixley, I. O. or Gladys	27.00	.....	27.00
Robinson, R. C. or A. C.	22.50	22.50
Sargent, A. L. or M. R.	22.50	22.50
Universalist Church Society	22.50	22.50
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	\$ 361.67	\$ 100.00	\$ 461.67

SUMMARY

SCHOOL FUND EXPENDITURES — 1953

		Jan. 1, to Jun. 30, '53	July 1 to Dec. 31, '53	Total 1953
1. General Control	Total	\$ 421.40	\$ 339.82	\$ 761.22
2. Instruction and Tuition				
Teachers' Salaries		\$ 7,000.76	\$ 5,729.18	\$12,729.94
Tuition — Elementary		345.00	.....	345.00
Secondary		5,332.86	2,437.50	7,770.36
Text Books		18.14	231.57	249.71
Instructional Supplies		128.35	521.80	650.15
	Total	\$12,825.11	\$ 8,920.05	\$21,745.16
3. Operation of Plant				
Janitors' Wages		\$ 478.13	\$ 396.59	\$ 874.72
Janitors' Supplies		.....	236.16	236.16
Fuel		976.08	241.61	1,217.69
Light, Power, Water		125.50	143.45	268.95
Office Supplies and Miscellaneous		18.16	102.54	120.70
Transportation		1,101.00	619.00	1,720.00
Bus Maintenance		289.19	483.94	773.13
	Total	\$ 2,988.06	\$ 2,223.29	\$ 5,211.35
4. Maintenance of Plant				
Repairs, Labor, Material	Total	\$ 185.33	\$ 410.53	\$ 595.86
5. Fixed Charges				
Services, Directors		\$ 50.00	\$	\$ 50.00
Insurance		35.13	484.02	519.15
	Total	\$ 85.13	\$ 484.02	\$ 569.15
6. Capital Outlay	Total	\$ 60.38	\$ 684.65	\$ 745.03
7. Debt Service				
Loan Reduction		\$ 400.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,400.00
Interest on Loans		361.67	100.00	461.67
	Total	\$ 761.67	\$14,100.00	\$14,861.67
GRAND TOTAL		\$17,327.08	\$27,162.36	\$44,489.44

BUDGET — CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

	Actual for School Year 7-1-52 to 6-30-53	Current Budget 7-1-53 to 6-30-54	Expdtrs. to Date 6-30-53 to 12-31-53	Proposed Budget 7-1-54 to 6-30-55
1. General Control				
Superintendent	Total \$ 782.60	\$ 760.00	\$ 339.82	\$ 800.00
2. Instruction and Tuition				
Teachers' Salaries	\$12,548.12	\$13,500.00	\$ 5,729.18	\$14,000.00
Tuition — Elementary	345.00	400.00	.....	400.00
Secondary	7,466.29	8,000.00	2,437.50	9,000.00
Text Books	469.84	400.00	231.57	450.00
Instructional Supplies	202.90	400.00	521.80	450.00
	<u>Total \$21,032.15</u>	<u>\$22,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,920.05</u>	<u>\$24,300.00</u>
3. Operation of Plant				
Janitors' Wages	\$ 939.38	\$ 800.00	\$ 396.59	\$ 1,000.00
Janitors' Supplies	117.87	150.00	236.16	.....
Fuel	1,220.25	1,200.00	241.61	1,300.00
Light, Power, Water	196.43	200.00	143.45	200.00
Office Supplies and Misc.	47.66	.....	102.54	.....
Transportation	1,887.00	3,000.00	619.00	3,000.00
Bus Maintenance	588.21	.....	483.94	.....
	<u>Total \$ 4,996.80</u>	<u>\$ 5,350.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,223.29</u>	<u>\$ 5,500.00</u>
4. Maintenance of Plant	Total \$ 669.99	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 410.53	\$ 1,800.00
5. Fixed Charges				
Services, Directors	\$ 102.98	\$ 100.00	\$	\$ 100.00
Insurance	553.28	400.00	484.02	400.00
	<u>Total \$ 656.26</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	<u>\$ 484.02</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
6. Capital Outlay	Total \$ 4,760.38	*\$1,000.00	\$ 684.65	*\$1,000.00
7. Debt Service				
Loan Reduction	\$13,900.00	\$	\$14,000.00	\$
Interest on Loans	482.00	400.00	100.00	400.00
	<u>Total \$14,382.00</u>	<u>\$ 400.00</u>	<u>\$14,100.00</u>	<u>\$ 400.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$47,280.18</u>	<u>\$31,710.00</u>	<u>\$27,162.36</u>	<u>\$34,300.00</u>
Less Loan Reduction	<u>13,900.00</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>14,000.00</u>	<u>.....</u>
	<u>\$33,380.18</u>	<u>\$31,710.00</u>	<u>\$13,162.36</u>	<u>\$34,300.00</u>

* Earmarked for bus payment.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DIRECTORS

The operating costs for the three schools of Strafford Township for July 1, 1954, to June 30, 1955, are estimated at \$34,300.00, as shown in column four in the table, "Budget — Classified School Expenditures." This is compared to an estimated budget of \$31,700.00 for the current year.

State Aid has been increased to \$13,806.56 for the current school year, and taxes have realized about \$20,981.78 for the same period. A like amount is anticipated for the coming year. Taxes plus State Aid make a total of \$34,788.34, therefore we feel that the present tax of \$4.00 on the Grand List is sufficient for the support of our schools for the coming year.

Because of a gift of \$2,000.00, known as the Ellis Family Trust Fund, it has been possible for us to buy desks, for which there was a serious need. We greatly appreciate this generous gift.

Following are some of the reasons for increases in certain items of the budget:

1. A voted increase in the Superintendent's salary.
2. Should it become necessary to hire a new teacher with a four-year training certificate, the State has set a minimum salary of \$2,500.00, or an increase of \$200.00 above our present salary rate. We certainly hope that this will not be necessary, as our present staff is most satisfactory.
3. Strafford now pays \$225.00 a year for the tuition of each high school student. It is estimated at this time that the number of students attending high school will be larger next year, since a large group will be entering and few graduating from high school.
4. There has been added expense in text books and instructional supplies in replacing worn-out and out-dated books and supplies.
5. It has become necessary to paint the outside of each of our three school houses.
6. The annual payment of \$1,000.00 on the Newton bus loan will reduce the remaining total to \$2,700.00.
7. There is very much needed repair work to be done at the Newton School on both front and back outside stairways.

8. Reports from the P. T. A. and Hot Lunch Committees follow.

Respectfully submitted,

MILO L. SLEEPER,
ROSA B. TYSON,
RALPH R. STEVENS.

REPORT OF NEWTON SCHOOL HOT LUNCH COMMITTEE — 1953 - 1954

The Hot Lunch Committee at Newton School is appointed by the president of the Parent Teacher Association and consists of six members including Mrs. Celia Lane, who does the cooking. The chairman and the treasurer are elected at the first business meeting of the season. During the months when lunches are being served (November-March) the committee meets every two weeks to plan menus and conduct any other necessary business.

Mrs. Lane efficiently cooks and serves an average of 1,450 individual lunches a month, assisted by one adult volunteer helper each day and by four student helpers during the lunch hour. Particular attention is given to all holiday dinners.

The 1952 - 1953 committee left a balance of \$322.00. In preparation for this season the committee, assisted by several volunteer helpers, painted the kitchen walls. Table tops were redecorated with attractive linoleum. An abundance of donated foods, including vegetables, fruits and approximately 500 quarts of produce, were collected. Over 300 pounds of meat were purchased locally and placed in available freezers.

A complete dinner is served to every child at the cost of ten cents per day if milk is brought from home, for fifteen cents if milk is purchased at school, but no child is denied milk for lack of the extra nickel. Vitamin A & D capsules are given to each child unless the parents wish otherwise.

A few cases of commodities are received each month and reimbursements of seven cents and nine cents, respectively, per lunch, according to whether milk is provided by the committee or brought from home, is received. The committee takes advantage of several opportunities to earn additional money throughout the year such as suppers, entertainments, dances, etc.

It is the sincere wish of each committee member that more parents and interested people will visit the lunch room to judge for themselves the success of the project.

MRS. CELIA LANE, Cook,
MRS. GRACE HAYES,
MRS. BERYL LITTLE,
MRS. JESSIE MACLAY,
MRS. MAUDE NEEDHAM,
Treasurer,
MRS. GLADYS SILLOWAY,
Chairman.

REPORT OF NEWTON SCHOOL P. T. A.

This report covers part of last year's accomplishments and up to February, 1954.

Meetings start in September and follow up until June (the date held being the first Monday of each month unless otherwise stated). Last year's membership was 62 as compared to 36 to date this year. Our average attendance is approximately 27 and the highest this year was about 45.

At the 1953 June meeting it was voted to keep the telephone (which the P. T. A. had installed at Newton School) and to carry on the upkeep of it.

The teachers' room is not yet completed but the walls have been painted, curtains hung and a couch with pillows and blankets has been provided. More furniture is to be added at a later date.

Two delegates were sent to the 40th Annual P. T. A. Convention held at St. Johnsbury, Oct. 1, 1953, and \$2.50 was given to Girls' State for last year.

Speakers this year have been: Mrs. Merlin Ward, State President; Lois Jenkins, District Health Nurse; and Carroll Fenwick, Jr., editor of the P. T. A. Bulletin.

As has been done in the past, our P. T. A. sponsored the Hallowe'en party and also provided candy bags and a tree for the school Christmas exercises. Each year ice cream is furnished for the school picnics.

At our Feb. 1st meeting we are planning to raise money to help pay part of the balance on the duplicator which was recently purchased by the teachers for Newton School.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH E. DAVIS, President.

MILLER'S POND SCHOOL

The Miller's Pond Community Club sponsored the Hot Lunch program last year by the aid of State commodities and donations from the parents. The club furnished the meat and fish which was used in the hot lunches. The lunches were made in the homes by the parents. A type B. n. m. lunch was served. Approximately 24 children were served per day from December 1 through April 1.

The Club also sponsored the raising of money for a dental clinic at which 25 children received dental treatment.

It was through the fine cooperation of friends and neighbors who attended our suppers and card parties that we were able to sponsor the hot lunches and dental treatment.

HAZEL PERO, President.

EUNICE STEVENS,

Vice President.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Board of School Directors and Citizens of Strafford:

This report is for the school year ending June 30, 1953, and is a part of the report of the Board of School Directors required by law.

Two one-teacher schools and one four-teacher school were maintained for 170 days, the minimum length of school year now required by law. The average number of pupils enrolled was 139, and the average daily attendance was 127.25. Three elementary and thirty-eight high school pupils, residents of the district, attended school outside of the town. The average membership for high school pupils was 37.90. The average cost per pupil in average daily attendance was, for elementary schools \$197.54, and for high school \$197. Seventy-eight elementary school pupils were transported at an average cost of \$95.49 for the year.

The total number of different elementary school pupils enrolled was 143. One hundred were promoted, twelve were promoted conditionally, eighteen were not promoted, twelve transferred to other public schools, and one dropped out of school. The percentage of attendance for the year was 95.54. Vision and hearing tests were administered by

teachers as required by law and standardized achievement tests given at the close of the year indicated that satisfactory progress had been made by the children in the school subjects.

The necessary books, materials of instruction, and equipment have been provided. Twenty-five modern seats and desks were purchased to replace unsatisfactory ones that were in use in several of the classrooms. New revised reading books were furnished for the third grade. A new series of hygiene tests is needed throughout the grades. At the Newton school the concrete steps both at the front and at the rear of the building need to be replaced or repaired. A new source of water is also needed for this school. The Pond school has an enrollment of twenty-seven pupils in the eight grades. Both the pupil load and the grade load is too large for effective work because the sixteen children in the primary grades require so much attention by the teacher. Transportation of grades seven and eight from this school to South Strafford would relieve this condition.

Much credit is due the sponsoring agency and its efficient workers for the handling of the school lunch program which is greatly appreciated by children and parents.

I am grateful to the school directors, parents, teachers, community organizations, and townspeople for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

A. COURTNEY PARKER,
Superintendent of Schools.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT — JANUARY 1, 1954

School	Grades													Last	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Tot.	Yr.
Newton	12	13	9	11	14	11	15	10						95	97
Old City	2	2		5	2	2	5							18	18
Pond	3	5	4	3	3	1	4	4						27	27
Tunbridge	1				1		1							3	3
Thetford															
Academy										9	7	10	5	31	29
Royalton										2	2			4	4
Hanover											1			1	2
Hartford											1			1	1
Totals		18	20	13	19	20	14	25	14	11	11	10	5	180	181

